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Subject. Alleged request from Allies for Chinese Labourers

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No information is available of a request having been received by the Chinese Government at Chungking for the supply of Chinese labourers for service in the European War. Those who are in close touch with Government circles do not believe that such a measure is being contemplated by the Government or by the Authorities in Shantung.

China herself being engaged in a war with Japan, can hardly spare able bodied men (3,000,000) for such a purpose and besides conditions at present are different from that of 1917 when she herself declared war on Germany.

The ^{report} ~~above~~ is mere propaganda to cover up certain activities of the puppet officials who are using press gang methods in the Japanese controlled districts in North and Central China.

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